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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: IDAHO

Method for Determining Cost Effectiveness of Caring for  
Certain Disabled Children At Home

A community care plan is developed for each applicant that identifies the medical services necessary to maintain the child in the community. This information is provided to the Department's Regional Medicaid Units (RMU). Costs for medical services that will be incurred by the Medicaid program are developed by RMU staff and compared against the average cost of the appropriate level of institutional care determined by RMU staff to be needed by the applicant. If the care plan costs exceed that of the appropriate level of institutionalization, then the application is denied.

For on-going eligibility, the care plan is reviewed and the costing is re-evaluated at least annually.

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